

Please know they are in all our hearts and prayers.

#### MLK AWARDS HONOREES

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, three outstanding Ocean City residents were recognized for their public service at the MLK Community Service Awards. These three selfless individuals are Kathy Thompson, Jennifer Bowman, and Mike Morissey. They have uplifted the lives of those around them through a constant dedication to the service of others. By making and delivering meals to South Jersey residents, to running events and programs for veterans—these individuals show us what it means to give back to their community. During these awards, four bright and driven middle schoolers were recognized for their exceptional essays on Martin Luther King. Those students are Joseph Heng, Gabrielle Henry, Danna Ramirez, and Catie Brooks. God Bless those who were recognized at the MLK Awards Ceremony and God Bless America.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF TALLAPOOSA COUNTY GIRLS RANCH AND LIVES LOST ON I-65

### HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the lives tragically lost last week in the terrible car crash on Interstate 65. Last Saturday was a heartbreaking day for Alabama. Ten lives were taken at once in terrible, unexpected circumstances on one of our state's central interstates. I was heartbroken to hear that so many of the crash victims were children from the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch, which is part of the Alabama Sheriffs' Boys and Girls ranches. The Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch has provided safety and care for thousands of neglected children since its founding in the 1960s. I want to extend my deepest condolences to the parents, friends, and siblings who are grieving in the wake of this crash. In particular, I want to send my sympathies to the director of the Girls' Ranch, Mrs. Candice Gulley, and her husband, who lost their two children and two nephews in the accident. Few can imagine what they must be going through. I honor their dedication to the children in their care for so many years, and I trust that our state will come around them during this time of grief. My prayers are with the ranch and with all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.

#### JULIA BUCK

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, on April 7th Julia Buck, a junior in high school, was in

a terrible car accident with three of her friends while driving home after getting ice cream. Julia was sitting directly in front of where the car was impacted, and she had to be airlifted to Cooper University Hospital where she underwent a total of 51 hours of surgery. Julia sustained the worst injuries out of her friends, but she still wanted to make sure she was there to comfort them and held their hands the whole time. This past Monday, Julia was released into rehab, and her strength and perseverance led to her being able to stand up for the first time in 36 days. Prior to her accident, Julia played soccer and basketball and was just accepted into the National Honors Society. Julia is a living miracle who not only has the support of her family and friends, but also the South Jersey community. I am praying for Julia and her family that she makes a full recovery, and I know she will go on to achieve great things. God Bless Julia and her family and God Bless America.

#### HONORING LIVES LOST IN I-65 CRASH

### HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of the 10 people who perished last week in a horrific accident in Butler County, Alabama. This day was especially tragic for our state. Losing 10 people in an accident is terrible enough, but it's even worse that 8 of them were young, school-aged girls from the Tallapoosa Girls Ranch.

Each of these girls came from rough backgrounds where they were abused and/or neglected, but at some point they found a family and a community at the Tallapoosa Girls Ranch.

I can't even begin to imagine the grief that is felt by the loved ones of these 10 people, but I know they will find some comfort knowing countless people around the state and the Nation are grieving with them.

I urge my colleagues and folks everywhere to continue keeping the loved ones of these 10 people in our thoughts and prayers.

#### NOAH KIZER—EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize Noah Kizer, a Mantua Township Eagle Scout who achieved Scouting's highest rank. Noah is a senior at Clearview Regional High School and plans on pursuing a career in welding after graduation. Noah's Eagle Scout Project consisted of the construction and installation of two informational kiosks for Tall Pines State Preserve. Noah guided fellow scouts and adult volunteers on this 140-hour project from beginning to end. This project was the first Eagle Scout Project ever completed for Tall Pines. Throughout his time as a Scout, Noah held the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Patrol Leader. Noah also had the

amazing opportunity to attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. He also earned a total of 35 merit badges during his time with Troop 7083. Noah should be proud of all his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck with his future career. God Bless Noah and God Bless America.

#### HONORING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF MARGARET EMMHARDT JOHNSON

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Margaret Emhardt Johnson who is celebrating her 95th birthday on June 30. She was born into the "Greatest Generation" shortly after the Great Depression and went on to serve our Nation through World War II before raising a family of three children.

Margaret Johnson was born on June 30, 1926. She grew up in both the Alexandria, Virginia area, attending George Washington High School, and in Coral Gables, Florida before leaving to attend Duke University. She was a member of the first female graduating class at the university in 1947 and is a very fierce Blue Devil. Margaret continued her education at Howard University where she received her Master's degree in Social Work. Following graduation she became a truant officer with the Alexandria Police Department so it's fair to say that her kids didn't skip school very often.

Margaret met her husband Tom while in Alexandria and the two were married for 60 years. They raised three children together, all of whom have master's degrees in their respective fields as a result of their parent's firm belief in success through education.

While raising her three kids—Tom, Sarah, and Billy—Margaret was still very active in the Alexandria community. She served on the Alexandria Hospital's Woman's Auxiliary, also known as the TWIG, while her husband served as president of the Alexandria Hospital.

Margaret also established the Alexandria Marching Band competition while her daughter was a member of the marching band at T.C. Williams High School. This service once again complemented her husband's, as he was the president of the Alexandria School Board.

Margaret and Tom were also active in their church. While her husband was on the vestry, Margaret served on the Alter Guild for decades creating flower arrangements. Additionally, both Margaret and Tom assisted in delivering meals through the Meals-on-Wheels program.

During what little spare time they had, between raising their children and serving their community, Margaret and Tom were voracious gardeners. Each year, they would plant dozens of azaleas until their entire yard was covered, making their backyard a showcase of flowers in the spring. In fact, this 'green-thumb' success culminated in their garden being featured in the Washington Post.

Margaret resumed working full-time after her last child left for college. She mastered using the PC as the computer revolution began in the 1980's and still enjoys using her Mac to create birthday cards for the neighborhood children, check her email, and surf the web.